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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Heather D. Gibbs  
HIDEYUKI TERASHIMA ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2622  
Application No.: 09/410,100 )  
: Filed: October 1, 1999 )  
: For: IMAGE READING DEVICE ) October 27, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, (October 25, 2003 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 13.

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